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Applicant: ESAB AB**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****Serial Number:** 09/402185**SEP 30 2004****Filed:** 9/28/99**For:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING**Attorney Docket Number:** 5746**REQUEST FOR NON-ENTRY
OF AUGUST 2004 RESPONSE**

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313

September 30, 2004

Sir:

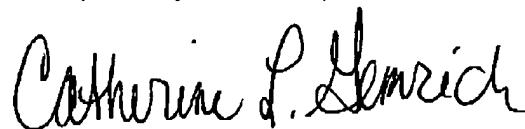
On September 28, 2004 Applicant filed a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally, a Request for Continued Exam, and an Amendment and Response to Official Action.

Applicant previously filed a Response to the Official Action on August 17, 2004. That Response was not entered. Applicant specifically requests non-entry of the Response filed August 17, 2004.

Applicant requests that further examination on the merits be based on the Response filed September 28, 2004.

Applicant believes no fee is due. If a fee is required please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our docket number 5746.

Respectfully submitted,



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